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4 March 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Joint Computer Support

STATSPEC SUBJECT : [] Automation Project

STATSPEC 1. The Director of [] has requested your concurrence in a Request for Proposal for a system to automate some [] functions. I recommend that you do so. I have discussed my comments, which follow, with [] They are in agreement with the points raised and will take the appropriate actions indicated.

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STATSPEC 2. [] is considering asking for a fixed price contract and are having discussions about the pros and cons of this with OL. With a fixed price contract, any change in a function or addition of a function (in other words, a change of scope) will probably create more severe renegotiation problems than if this happened to a cost plus contract. The RFP is of such explicit detail (which I feel is good) that it creates a tone such if anything is omitted it might easily be interpreted to have been omitted on purpose. For this reason I recommended to [] that the RFP be reviewed by an expert consultant before it is sent to the bidders so that future changes can be held to a minimum. [] agrees but feels there is not sufficient time to review the RFP, send it to bidders, evaluate responses, and negotiate the contract during this fiscal year. He also pointed out that the RFP is a product of a \$40,000 design contract which was then evaluated by a consultant. He has proposed that [] hire a consultant who will participate in the evaluation and handle the problem of review before the bidders conference. Any changes to the RFP would at that time be given to the bidders as an addendum to the RFP. I agreed with this proposal.

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STATSPEC 3. The RFP does not specifically ask that the response include an implementation schedule that details tasks, manpower loadings and elapsed time. [] will include this requirement in the final RFP.

4. The function of retrieval is mentioned twice under objectives e. and 1. There is not enough information in the RFP to determine the level of sophistication required. [] told me the intent is to retrieve on simple keys only and that text scanning and general subject retrieval is not intended. These points will be further detailed in the RFP so that the efforts being expended by CRS, OC, OJCS, DDO, et al. in their various projects will not be replicated one more time.

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5. The RFP asks the bidder to provide a hardware/software interface that will permit a two way link to the OJCS Computer Center. The link will provide a remote job entry capability where the [] installation looks like the remote station and the OJCS Center is the host. [] feels this is a very soft requirement and if ever the need to use it occurs it will cause them severe security restrictions. This is because their consultant, [] OS/DDM&S, points out they will have to electrically disconnect their communications lines to Autodin, Bell Telephone, and etc. Additionally, some of their personnel will require TKH clearances. [] told me the reason it is in the RFP is that SED sees the [] system as a package that can be used elsewhere and there are situations where this linkage will prove useful. CRS has also said it would be nice to have the raw [] traffic available on a direct line for one of their systems called SAFE. I recommended [] that this feature be dropped from the proposal.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Joint Computer Support

SUBJECT : Concurrence in RFP for [] Automation Project

REFERENCE : Memo for Chmn, [] Automation Task Force from
DD/OJCS; Subj: Comments on [] Automation
Projects -- Phase II Report; dtd 21 Nov 73

1. Please indicate your concurrence in the attached Request for Proposal for a system to automate the [] and related communications and other functions. As set forth in the functional description, this system will operate from a small computer center to be installed []

2. In the reference cited above, the Deputy Director, JCS on 21 November 1973 recorded his agreement with the concept of a dedicated special purpose system to support [] requirements. In accordance with that memorandum and subsequent discussions, OJCS has participated in the writing of this final RFP as represented by Mr. [] of your Systems Engineering Division. We look forward to his further participation in evaluating the responses to this RFP.

3. We have asked the Office of Logistics to release this RFP to prospective bidders on or about 8 March. I hope you will be able to review these specifications and return a reply within this tight time frame.

Attachment: a/s

CONCURRENCE:

/s/
Harry E. Fitzwater
Director, Joint Computer Support

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Procurement Division, OL

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SUBJECT : ☐ Automation Project RAPID - Request for
Proposal Solicitation

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1. Please initiate the appropriate action to solicit bids for a system to automate the ☐ production, and other functions that we perform ☐ ☐ We hope you will be able to mail the solicitations on or about 8 March. Funds for this project have been budgeted, including a major share for contract costs in FY 1974.

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2. Attached is a copy of our preliminary Request for Proposal detailing the specifications for the system. I have asked the Director, Joint Computer Support and the Chief, Printing Services Division to review this RFP and indicate concurrence. I expect to have their replies within the next few days. Because OJCS and PSD personnel participated in writing this RFP, I do not anticipate any significant changes. As soon as concurrences are received, we shall compile a final version and would expect to have it ready by the time you have completed documentation.

3. Also attached is a list of 12 vendors, whom we consider the most serious contenders for the contract. We may supply the names of three to five additional vendors before the end of the week.

4. There are several points cited in the body of the RFP which I invite you to stress in your covering documentation, if possible. These are:

- a. we are seeking a single vendor to take on the entire project,
- b. although this RFP is highly detailed, we nevertheless encourage alternative procedures and ideas,
- c. we wish to have the most detailed cost breakdown possible, especially for software of specific modules,
- d. we wish to have quotations for lease and purchase of hardware,
- e. we are targeting for completion as close as possible to 30 June 1975.

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5. [], chairman of the [] Automation Task Force, extension [] will continue to be the [] contact for this project. It is my understanding that Mr. [] of your Contracts Management Branch has been assigned responsibility for coordinating the project in your office. I assume these two will make all appropriate arrangements for a bidders conference, evaluation, and negotiation.

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